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Transmitted herewith is an Reply and Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.111 to Office

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- [] It is believed that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).
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Effective on 12/08/2004.
Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818) Complete if Known **Application Number** 10/001,626 FEE TRANSMITTA Filing Date October 24, 2001 For FY 2005 First Named Inventor Kenneth A. Alley **Examiner Name** Samuel P. Siefke Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 Art Unit 1743 TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT 510.00 Attomey Docket No ALLE-P3.2-US METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply) Check Credit Card Money Order Other (please identify): Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: Deposit Account Name: For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply) Charge fee(s) indicated below Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayments of fee(s) Credit any overpayments under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. **FEE CALCULATION** 1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES **EXAMINATION FEES FILING FEES** SEARCH FEES **Small Entity Small Entity Small Entity Application Type** Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Fees Paid (\$) Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Utility 300 150 500 200 250 100 Design 200 100 100 130 50 65 Plant 200 100 300 160 150 80 Reissue 300 500 600 150 250 300 Provisional 200 100 0 0 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES **Small Entity** Fee Description Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Each claim over 20 (including Reissues) 50 25 Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues) 200 100 Multiple dependent claims 360 180 **Total Claims Extra Claims** Multiple Dependent Claims Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$) - 20 or HP = 0 0 Fee Paid (\$) Х Fee (\$) HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20. Indep. Claims Extra Claims Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$) - 3 or HP = 0 0 0 HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3. 3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s). **Total Sheets** Extra Sheets Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof Fee Paid (\$) (round up to a whole number) 0 4. OTHER FEE(S) Fees Paid (\$) Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount) 0 Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 3 MO. EXT. OF TIME (\$510) 510.00 SUBMITTED BY

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